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Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A graphical user interface displayable on a display screen, comprising:
 - a panning window interface comprising:
 - a high-level map structure panel for displaying a map structure on a first image scale;
 - a panning window which is movable from a first position in the high-level map structure panel to a second position in the high-level map structure panel by way of a continuous in-a panning motion from the first position to the second position to select a sub-portion of said displayed map structure; and
 - a detailed sub-structure panel which displays said selected sub-portion of said map structure on a second image scale greater than said first image scale.
2. (Original) A graphical user interface in accordance with claim 1, comprising:
 - a graphical switch that allows said panning window interface to be activated or inactivated.
3. (Original) A graphical user interface in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
 - said panning window interface comprises a search and highlight function, said search and highlight function allowing input of a search criteria and highlighting elements in said map structure displayed in said high-level map structure panel that meet said search criteria.
4. (Original) A graphical user interface in accordance with claim 3, wherein:

said search and highlight function allows input of a plurality of search criteria and highlights elements in said map structure displayed in said high-level map structure panel that meet said search criteria.

5. (Original) A graphical user interface in accordance with claim 4, wherein:

said search and highlight function visually differentiates highlights generated according to respective search criteria.

6. (Original) A graphical user interface in accordance with claim 3, comprising:

a graphical switch that allows said search and highlight function to be activated or inactivated.

7. (Original) A graphical user interface in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

said panning window interface comprises a highlight function, said highlight function allowing input of a highlight selection criteria and highlighting elements in said map structure displayed in said high-level map structure panel that meet said highlight selection criteria.

8. (Original) A graphical user interface in accordance with claim 7, wherein:

said highlight function allows input of a plurality of highlight selection criteria and highlights elements in said map structure displayed in said high-level map structure panel that meet said highlight selection criteria.

9. (Original) A graphical user interface in accordance with claim 8, wherein:

said highlight function visually differentiates elements highlighted according to different respective highlight selection criteria.

10. (Original) A graphical user interface in accordance with claim 7, comprising:

a graphical switch that allows said highlight function to be activated or inactivated.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for simultaneously displaying a high-level structure of a map structure and a detailed portion of said map structure on a display screen, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying a map structure on a first image scale in a first area of a display screen;

providing a panning window which is movable from a first position in the high-level map structure panel to a second position in the high-level map structure panel by way of a continuous in a panning motion from the first position to the second position to select a sub-portion of said displayed map structure; and

displaying said selected sub-portion of said map structure on a second image scale greater than said first image scale in a second area of said display screen.

12. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 11, comprising:

displaying a selectable search and highlight function that accepts search criteria input and highlights elements in said map structure displayed in said first area of said display screen that meet said search criteria input.

13. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 12, wherein:

said search and highlight function accepts simultaneous input of a plurality of search criteria and highlights elements in said map structure displayed in said first area of said display screen that meet said search criteria input.

14. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 13, further comprising the step of:

visually differentiating highlighted elements highlighted according to different respective search criteria.

15. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 11, comprising:

displaying a highlight function that accepts highlight selection criteria input and highlights elements in said map structure displayed in said first area of said display screen that meet said highlight selection criteria input.

16. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 15, wherein:

said highlight function accepts simultaneous input of a plurality of highlight selection criteria and highlights elements in said map structure displayed in said first area of said display screen that meet said highlight selection input.

17. (Original) A method in accordance with claim 16, further comprising the step of:

visually differentiating highlighted elements highlighted according to different respective highlight selection criteria.

18. (New) A method in accordance with claim 11, wherein the continuous panning motion comprises a drag-and-drop action.

19. (New). A graphical user interface in accordance with claim 1, wherein the continuous panning motion comprises a drag-and-drop action.